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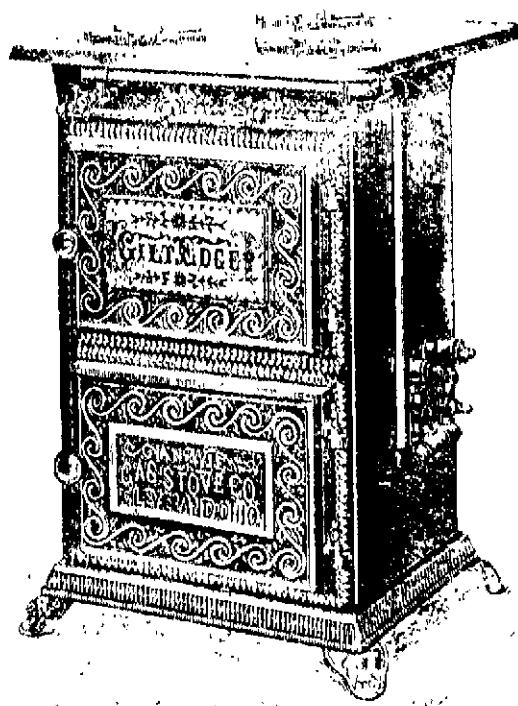
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I was afflicted some three years with scalp disease. My hair was falling out, and my head was covered with a thick crust of scales. I used Ayer's Hair Vigor, and in a few weeks the disease in my scalp disappeared, and my hair resumed its original color. —(Rev.) S. S. Sears, Pastor U. B. Church, St. Bernard, Ind.

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BABYHOOD'S PILLOW.

A REVEREND THAT TAKES A MAN BACK TO HIS INFANCY.

A charming reminiscence of Childhood's Happy Hours—Taps Give Him Candy for Being Good—The Mother Whose Kiss Finds Her Little One in the Dark.

Eleven o'clock strikes. Immediately I make ready to set my papers in order on my desk and turn out my lamp, when all at once my bed, on which I have somehow turned a more contemplative look than usual, begins to wear a strange, mysterious air, meditative and thoughtful, with its covert turned ready, its sheets open and its pillow ready for my head. "Why do I sit down again, and think as I sit down again, and think as I sit down again?"

My lamp goes out of its own accord, and the night passes without heading me.

IN THE LITTLE WHITE CRIB.

I am 3 years old again. I sleep in a little white crib, larger than papa's leather valise, smaller than mamma's piano, a crib draped with fresh curtains which close about my every evening and are fastened with a silver pin to the under side of the mattress.

I see above me an ivory cross swinging at the end of a blue ribbon that hangs from the cornice; on each side of me is a long white silk net, so that I shall not fall out. But I am always kicking off the covers and slipping through it and they continually find me with an arm or a leg caught and hanging in the net.

My crib, which I warm with my little childish body, where I am given my warm milk in the early morning, which is so comfortable when the doctor says I am sick, stands at the foot of papa's and mamma's big bed, so that it gives me great confidence to be so near them—they who are afraid of nothing! I do not know how it is, but I must be always in their arms when I go to bed.

My bedtime is later than mine, much later—perhaps even an hour. As soon as I see my nurse, a big girl, brusque and good hearted, who teaches me how to say my prayers to the Good Lord in German—as soon as she has given me my dinner, quick! I am popped into a little bed where my feet never see. When shall I be as big as my feet never go? In spite of all my efforts I can never extricate myself from it.

Then as soon as I am stretched out on the mattress, and I lie vigorously tucked up in, I cry out with all my might, lamentably, like a little dog that is being whipped: "Mamma! Mamma!"

Some one comes. There is a noise of footsteps in the corridor. "It's papa and mamma," Papa says. "Will you stop making such a noise, you little rascal! We can hear you all over the house!" He turns to the nurse and frowns:

"Don't you say, 'tell me that truth.' Has this child been naughty?"

"No, he has been very good," says the excellent Pie.

"Then he shall have a piece of candy," says papa, satisfied at once.

"Milk, papa, milk!" I cry out.

"Yes, milk!" and papa himself drops into my little bed, open mouth the big, white crumpling pony which I love so, and which I begin to taste as soon as its penetrating odor reaches my nose. Under my little teeth the mint drop disappears like magic. Mamma whispers: "Put it up, then, little goose!" or, "He will break his teeth to pieces."

MAMMA DOESN'T SAY A WORD.

Then she bends over me, and then I whip out my two arms from the coverlet to clasp her around the neck. I know very well that it must hurt her to be weighted down, but still I like to do it. And then I love her so! She kisses me twice, three times, then with her pretty fingers she hurriedly traces the sign of the cross on my forehead (before I came there were two little brothers who both went away to heaven) and she tenderly shows the curtains without, ending to look lovingly in at me through the opening which grows smaller and smaller.

At last the curtains are tight shut and I can see nothing more. But I can hear. Papa has already gone away to his study, where I somehow know that he is going to smoke a cigar. Mamma, ah, but mamma is still there. She is talking to Pie in a low voice, she is talking of all kinds of things and they are all about me. Then the lamp goes on its nightly journey. It travels about, it changes its place; finally it is put on a certain corner of the mantelpiece, always the same corner, where its dim light cannot reach me. Then I hear the noise of the fender—a chair put in its place—a carriage in the street.

All at once I am at a man, and am wearing trousers like my Uncle Edward.

But after I awake with a start and then a great fear of the night and the darkness seizes me; I stretch out my arms and knock—too, too—on the big bed. The big bed will protect me. Too, too, too, too! The knocking itself frightens me in the silence.

The big bed creaks confusedly. I hear papa, half awake, telling me a story, and I say, "I am not sleepy!" he says, "everybody is asleep." Mamma do not say a word. She rises—she rises and sits up after forty years my heart recollects the light fall of her dear soft feet on the carpet and the sound of her low voice, invisible like herself, murmuring close to my cheek, "What is it, darling?" while without hesitation her kiss comes straight to me in the night and unerringly finds me.

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